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Information Session Scheduled for State Employees Interested in Becoming Mentors for Delaware Youths

Dover – If you are a State of Delaware employee who would like to mentor a Delaware youth but you are concerned about the time commitment, becoming a mentor may be easier than you think.

An informal information session is being held from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25 in the Carvel State Office Building for state employees who want to learn more about the Governor's Mentoring Initiative.

The Governor's Mentoring Initiative allows state employees to use flex time in their work schedules to volunteer as mentors in local schools and in after school programs. Flexed leave can be combined with an employee's lunch hour or it can be used at the beginning or end of an employee's work day.

In Delaware, 35,500 school students could benefit from having a mentor. Studies have shown that young people who are mentored perform better in school. They have increased self esteem and have better relationships with friends, parents, teachers and their communities. State of Delaware employees can make a big difference in the life of a child or teenager by mentoring them just once a week.

The information session will be held in the 10th Floor HRM Training Room in the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French St., Wilmington. For more information on the Delaware Mentoring Council, go to www.delawarementoring.org.